

IC 16-25-1.1

Chapter 1.1. Definitions

IC 16-25-1.1-1

Applicability

Sec. 1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this article.

As added by P.L.256-1999, SEC.12.

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"Applicant"

Sec. 2. "Applicant" means a person that applies for a license or an approval for a hospice program under IC 16-25-3.

As added by P.L.256-1999, SEC.12.

IC 16-25-1.1-3

"Hospice"

Sec. 3. "Hospice" means a person that owns or operates a hospice program in Indiana.

As added by P.L.256-1999, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.58-2000, SEC.2.

IC 16-25-1.1-4

"Hospice program"

Sec. 4. (a) "Hospice program" means a specialized form of interdisciplinary health care provided in Indiana that is designed to alleviate the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual discomforts of an individual who is experiencing the last phase of a terminal illness or disease and that:

(1) uses an interdisciplinary team that is under the direction of a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5 to provide a program of planned and continual care for terminally ill patients and their families, including:

- (A) participation in the establishment of the plan of care;
- (B) provision or supervision of hospice services;
- (C) periodic review and updating of the plan of care for each hospice program patient; and
- (D) establishment of policies governing the day to day provision of hospice services;

(2) must provide a continuum of care, including twenty-four (24) hour availability of:

- (A) nursing services, physician services, drugs, and biologicals;
- (B) other services necessary for care that is reasonable and necessary for palliation and management of terminal illnesses and related conditions; and
- (C) bereavement counseling;

in a manner consistent with accepted standards of practice; and

(3) meets the minimum standards for certification under the Medicare program (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) and complies with

the regulations for hospices under 42 CFR 418.1 et seq.

(b) The term includes inpatient services provided by a hospice in compliance with 42 CFR 418.1 et seq.

(c) The term does not include services provided by a hospital, a health facility, an ambulatory outpatient surgical center, or a home health agency unless the entity has a distinct hospice program.

As added by P.L.256-1999, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.58-2000, SEC.3.

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"Hospice program patient"

Sec. 5. "Hospice program patient" means a patient who:

- (1) has been diagnosed by a licensed physician as having a terminal illness;
- (2) has a prognosis for a life expectancy in accordance with 42 CFR 418.3; and
- (3) receives hospice services from a hospice program.

As added by P.L.256-1999, SEC.12.

IC 16-25-1.1-6

"Hospice services"

Sec. 6. "Hospice services" means:

- (1) palliative care for the physical, psychological, social, spiritual, and other special needs of a hospice program patient during the final stages of a hospice program patient's terminal illness; and
- (2) care for the psychological, social, spiritual, and other needs of the hospice program patient's family before and after the hospice program patient's death;

that is directed by an interdisciplinary team.

As added by P.L.256-1999, SEC.12.

IC 16-25-1.1-7

"Interdisciplinary team"

Sec. 7. "Interdisciplinary team" means a group of individuals who provide or supervise the care and services offered by the hospice program that includes at least a licensed physician, a registered nurse, a social worker, and a pastoral or other counselor, all of whom must be employees or volunteers of the hospice program.

As added by P.L.256-1999, SEC.12.

IC 16-25-1.1-8

"Person"

Sec. 8. "Person" means an individual, a corporation, a limited liability company, a partnership, or other legal entity that does business in Indiana.

As added by P.L.256-1999, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.58-2000, SEC.4.

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"Terminal illness"

Sec. 9. "Terminal illness" means a life threatening illness with a limited prognosis.

As added by P.L.256-1999, SEC.12.